

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

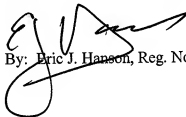
The amendments in the claims are presented to avoid charges for multiple dependent claims contained in the application and in a form in accordance with U.S. Patent Office rules and procedures.

These amendments are not related to reasons of patentability.

Consideration of the above amendment is respectfully requested because it does not add any new material and is filed prior to any consideration by the Patent Office. Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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